GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7423
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ORDER FOR SURVIVAL OF ABL POWER PROJECTS IN BIHAR
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ABL, Durgapur has no work order and at the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the survival of the said company;

(d) whether the Government propose to shift the office of the company from Calcutta; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The promoters of M/s ABB-ABL Limited have informed in the recent past that there is no workload in both the boiler manufacturing units owned by them including the factory at Durgapur in West Bengal. The promoters have also stated that as a result of continuing low workload situation, the Company is likely to turn sick unless corrective steps are taken.

(b) & (c) : So far as placement of orders is concerned, in an era of global competition, it is neither possible nor desirable for the Central Government to ask a project developer to award any contract to ABB-ABL Limited in preference to another. Thus, ABB-ABL, like any other manufacturer/supplier, has to compete with others on a level playing field. The company has been advised to consider exploring the vast opportunities available under renovation and modernisation schemes of thermal plants with funding from the Power Finance Corporation. With reforms in the power sector, new investments are picking up and offer profitable avenues for efficient equipment manufacturer.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e) : Does not arise.